

REMARKS

I. Introduction

Claims 2-53 are pending in this application.

Claims 41-53 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101 as being directed to non-statutory subject matter.

Claims 2-12, 14-25, 27-38, 40-51, and 53 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Youman U.S. Patent 5,629,733 (hereinafter "Youman").

Claims 13, 26, 39, and 52 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Youman in view of Hendricks U.S. Patent Publication 2005/0157217 (hereinafter "Hendricks").

Applicants have amended claims 2, 3, 5, 7, 9, 14, 15, 28, 29, 31, 33, 35, 41, 42, 44, 46, 48, and 53 to more particularly define the claimed invention. No new matter has been added.

Applicants have also amended claims 41-53 to replace the claimed "machine-readable media" with "computer-readable medium" and to replace the claimed "machine program logic" with "program logic." No new matter has been added.

The Examiner's rejections are respectfully traversed.

II. Related Applications

The Examiner is advised that the applications listed in the table below are related to the present application and may contain claims that may be relevant to the present application. In particular, applicants would like to draw the Examiner's attention to the fact that substantive examination has occurred in several of these applications, and applicants invite the Examiner to review any Office Actions that have issued or will issue in these cases. At the Examiner's request, we will provide copies of any Office Actions and/or responses to Office Actions that have issued in these applications. By bringing these applications to the Examiner's attention, applicants do not waive the confidentiality provisions of 35 U.S.C. § 122.

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UV-1 Cont. 6	10/846,124	May 14, 2004
UV-1 Cont. 7	11/894,759	August 20, 2007
UV-1 Cont. 8	11/894,708	August 20, 2007

III. Applicants' Reply to the § 101 Rejection of Claims 41-53

Claims 41-53 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101 as being directed to non-statutory subject matter. The Examiner's rejection is respectfully traversed.

The Examiner contends that the claimed "machine-readable medium" and corresponding "machine program logic" are directed non-statutory subject matter. Applicants respectfully disagree. Nevertheless, in order to advance prosecution of this application, applicants have amended claims 41-53 to recite "computer-readable medium" and corresponding "program logic" as suggested by the Examiner. No new matter has been added.

Accordingly, applicants submit that claims 41-53, as amended, are directed to statutory subject matter and request that the rejection of claims 41-53 under § 101 be withdrawn.

IV. Applicants' Reply to the § 102 Rejection of Independent Claims 2, 15, 28, and 41

Claims 2, 15, 28, and 41 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Youman. The Examiner's rejection is respectfully traversed.

Amended independent claims 2, 15, 28, and 41 are directed to a method and systems for allowing a user to access interactive program guide features on a television monitor on which appear a first display and corresponding computer-readable medium. A menu input is received from the user. In response to the menu input, an interactive program guide menu is displayed simultaneously with at least a substantial portion of the first display. The menu displays a plurality of menu choices corresponding to a plurality of display modes of the interactive program guide.

The Examiner contends that Youman discloses every feature of applicants' claimed invention. The Examiner points to different modes of operation of Youman's program guide (i.e., the FLIP, BROWSE, and MENU modes). Applicants agree that Youman discloses a plurality of modes of a program guide. However, applicants' claims patentably improve upon

Youman by displaying a menu that displays a plurality of menu choices corresponding to a plurality of display modes, where the menu is displayed simultaneously with at least a substantial portion of a first display. None of the sections of Youman that the Examiner cites to discloses this feature.

For at least the foregoing reason, applicants respectfully request that the § 102 rejection of independent claims 2, 15, 28, and 41 be withdrawn.

V. Applicants' Reply to the § 102 and § 103 Rejections of Dependent Claims 3-14, 16-27, 29-40 and 42-53

Claims 4-12, 14, 16-25, 27, 29-38, 40, 42-51, and 53 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Youman. Claims 13, 26, 39, and 52 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Youman in view of Hendricks.

Applicants have demonstrated above that independent claims 2, 15, 28, and 41 are allowable. Claims 3-14, 16-27, 29-40 and 42-53 each depend from one of claims 2, 15, 28, and 41. Accordingly, applicants submit that dependent claims 3-14, 16-27, 29-40 and 42-53 are allowable for at least the same reason why their corresponding independent claims are allowable.

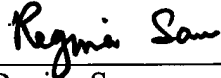
VI. Conclusion

For at least the foregoing reasons, applicants respectfully submit that this application is in condition for allowance.

Accordingly, prompt reconsideration and allowance of this application are respectfully requested.

Applicant believes we have appropriately provided for fees due with this response. However, if an additional fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 06-1075, under Order No. 003597-0001 from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

Respectfully submitted,



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